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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A support member for supporting a plurality of inkjet printhead modules within an inkjet printer, the support member comprising:
a first component and a second component, the first component adapted for mounting in the inkjet printer, and the second component adapted to mount the printhead modules, the second component having a coefficient of thermal expansion closer to that of the printhead modules than the first component; wherein,

the first component is bonded to the second component via an intermediate resilient material; such that

the first component can expand more than the second component;

A support member according to claim 7 wherein the support member is configured as an elongate beam, the first component of the beam is an outer metal shell, and the second component of the beam is a core of silicon within the outer metal shell.

4. (Previously Presented) A support member according to claim 3 wherein the resilient material is an elastomeric layer interposed between the silicon core and the metal shell.

5. (Previously Presented) A support member according to claim 3 wherein the outer shell is formed from laminated layers of at least two different metals.

6. (Previously Presented) A support member according to claim 3 wherein the elongate beam has a length exceeding the width of print media to be printed by the inkjet printer.

7. (Cancelled).